

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 9, 10 and 13 have been amended. Claims 19-22 have been added. Claims 3-8, 11-12, and 15-18 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 9, 10, 13 and 19-22 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 9, 10, and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11-339294 (hereinafter "Yasuda").

Independent claims 1, 9, 10 and 13 have been amended to recite: "...when the blade moves upward, a positive direction radial rolling occurs in a direction of an optical axis of the objective lens that is tilted toward an inner circumference of the disc, and when the blade moves downward, a negative direction radial rolling occurs in a direction of the optical axis of the objective lens that is tilted toward the outer circumference of the disc." It is respectfully submitted that in their present form, claims 1, 9, 10 and 13 patentably distinguish over Yasuda.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claims 19-22 have been added to present an additional feature of the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that at least the feature of claims 19-22 where the magnet includes a first magnet and a second magnet that are positioned opposite to each other with the blade placed therebetween is not discussed in the cited prior art when viewed in conjunction with the other features of the respective base claims of claims 19-22.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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